Use of Big Vessels for Deep Water Fishing

2921. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have done any study regarding the impact of use of 'Big Vessels' for deep water fishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to phase out 'Big Vessels' (Deep Sea Trawlers) from Indian coast ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. Murari to look into the problems of deep sea fishing sector. The terms of reference *inter-alia* included the study of the effects of deep sea vessels on traditional fishermen and marine ecology. The recommendations of Murari Committee have been accepted by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) during September 1996, and thereafter, the deep sea fishing policy of 1991 has been rescinded.

(c) No new permits, extension or renewal of the permits under Joint Ventures, Leasing, Test Fishing have since been issued. Charter Policies also have been phased out.

Delay in Construction of Cyclone Shelter Centres in Orrisa

2922. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the construction of cyclone shelter centres in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of these shelters in the cyclone prone districts; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) to (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to take restoration, rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of